

## GRAFTERS RUSH FOR AN IMMUNITY BATH

**Pittsburg Offenders Hurry Into Court to Accept the Offer of the District Attorney to Tell What They Know and Escape From Prison Bars—Many Men "Higher Up" May Be Caught.**

Pittsburg, Pa., March 22.—Anxious to receive an immunity bath, three former members of the common council appeared before Judge Frazer early today and pleaded no defense to the charges of having received money for their votes in the passage of the Hankland street vacation ordinance. Two of the men who appeared were not even under indictment.

All were given suspended sentences. That the graft investigation is but started well on its way, is the prediction of those who profess to know.

It is persistently rumored today that "men higher up" will be given full

advantage of the district attorney's plea to "come in out of the wet" before another 24 hours have rolled around. Then the detectives and police force will get busy and hunt the rest of them down. It is generally believed that the little "captain," Johnny Kline's confession has not been all told and that its complete telling will still further rip apart city politics and politicians.

Before noon nine former members of the council had "come in out of the wet" and confessed to the acceptance of bribes for their votes. No stories of large sums were related today, the men appearing, confessing to the acceptance of from \$150 to \$250 for their vote.

## COOPERATION ROOSEVELT IS FAVORED BY GREATEST OF INSURGENTS

**The Formation of an Association to Bring Trade to the City Is Approved.**

**MANY EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS**

A city is great not in proportion to its natural advantages, geographical location, law and order, schools, churches and public institutions. These things are essential to a great city. Yet cities have been great without one or the other. Unity of purpose, the existence of a common bond which draws men together for a common good. No city has ever been great without this unity. Cities have been built on the plains with the spirit of unity. Old towns, too dead to bury, have been rejuvenated through the active agency of the spirit of unity. The Taft-Diaz celebration held in El Paso is a concrete example of the results that can be accomplished by the application of the principle that "in union there is strength."

El Paso is united in a common cause. Petty and personal matters were lost sight of in the bigness of the project of entertaining two presidents. The result is familiar history. El Paso well known through the press as the most important city in the world.

What has been accomplished in other cities can be done here. What has been done here can be repeated and incorporated into a fixed principle of the city's activities. The Retail Merchants' association which is to be organized will be one unit in the union for greater El Paso. The possibilities of such an association to be composed of the leading merchants of the city are extensive. All the business men seem united in the belief that it will greatly aid the city.

A. Schwartz's Idea.

"It's strongest feature," A. Schwartz, chairman of the chamber of commerce retail merchants' committee, said this morning, "is that the merchant is assured of results and does not pay his pro rata until after he has sold his goods. This makes the proposition a tangible one and one which can be made attractive to any retail merchant. It is also my idea to have trade excursions into El Paso several times each year, to be conducted on the same general plan of refunding fares to purchasers. An advertising campaign could also be carried on through the papers and also by means of pamphlets, which state the plan of refunding and also give a list of the merchants who belong to the association. A small fund for entertaining these shoppers might also be included in the finances of the association. This would bring shoppers from all parts of the southwest to El Paso to do their shopping and would result in the coming of new wholesale houses and a general growth in the business of El Paso."

"I have written to several of the cities which have the rebate plan in operation and as soon as I get replies from these letters and have the proposed organization planned a meeting of the retail merchants will be called for some evening at the chamber of commerce and steps will be taken to organize an association for this class of trade."

Suggests a Celebration.

"I approve the idea of forming such an association; why can't the consumers from other towns be drawn like the retailers to the wholesale centers? said S. Kramhorst, manager of the Guaranty Shoe Store. "Something like the San Antonio battle of flowers would help. We haven't the flowers but we can get something else."

"The idea is good," said W. G. Walz. "The trouble is that El Paso is so far from other towns. It is difficult in the east. But they can count me in on anything of that kind."

For Cooperation.

"I am for cooperation," said F. W. Norton, of the International Book Co. "Freight rate adjustment would help, too."

"I am for it," said D. C. Kinney, of

**Representative Palmer Denounces Taft and the Republicans in General.**

**SAYS PROMISES ARE ALL BROKEN**

Washington, D. C., March 22.—Referring to president Taft as a rather pliant executive and characterizing former president Roosevelt as "the greatest insurgent of them all," who taught the insurgents how to "insurge," representative A. Mitchell Palmer (Dem.), of Pennsylvania, attacked the administration from the floor of the house today.

Mr. Palmer in introducing his attack upon the Republican organization and the administration measures, said that the country could expect little real benefit from "this show of effort on the part of the president to redeem the pledges of the Republican platform."

No Lack of Faith.

The speaker said he did not impute to the president any lack of good faith, but he added: "Any student of recent and present conditions in the Republican party must realize that, however much the president may desire to carry out the promises of his party in relation to these measures, he has bound himself hand and foot to an organization in the congress which has demonstrated on innumerable occasions in the past that it can be true to nothing except its own false traditions."

The first effort of the administration flayed by representative Palmer was the tariff. He related how president Taft had promised the voters that the pledges of the Republican party "for tariff revision meant tariff reduction."

Republican Promissory Note.

"The people understood them," said Mr. Palmer, "that in presenting the platform, the Republican party gave its promissory note to the American people. It was endorsed by William H. Taft and accepted by the people at the election. It never would have been accepted without that endorsement, for the credit of the maker of that obligation had been sadly impaired by the records of years of broken pledges."

"If president Taft had displayed but half the zeal in an attempt to force congress to reduce the tariff taxation to the necessities of life that he displayed in securing those reductions of duties that would result in greater profits to the protected manufacturers, already enriched by operation of tariff laws beyond the dreams of avarice, he would have earned the right to say that as the endorser of the Republican party's promise he saved its obligation from protest."

The Working Man's Dollar.

"If he had been but half as anxious to save the pennies of the workman as he was to save the dollars of the steel trust by dumping into its mills raw materials at much reduced expense, his name would have been enshrined in the hearts of the poor as his praises are now sung in the counting houses of protected wealth."

The reduction in the tariff on lumber was described by Mr. Palmer as purchased at the price of a trade war with Canada, now at its imminent, which is liable to bring into operation the maximum rate provided in the law and increase the tariff on lumber products by 100 percent.

Americans Deceived?

"To say that the American people were deceived," he proceeded, "by the double play of a rather pliant executive and an astute leader of the Republican body during the last campaign of the tariff game is to impute to the citizens of this country a lack of intelligence for which there is no warrant in their record for prompt punishment, they have made out a good past to parties recalcitrant to their trust."

The thrilling events of the last few days in congress, the Pinchot incident, postal savings banks and federal corporations were all included in Mr. Palmer's diatribe.

Insurgents Corralled.

"Now that the insurgents have been whipped into line," he said, "by the refusal of public patronage about the successful use of the most gigantic bluff

## RAIKS OF STRIKERS BREAKING BUT THE FIGHT STILL GOES ON

Philadelphia, Pa., March 22.—All negotiations are off and the fight will go on, was the announcement made today by leaders conducting the street car and general sympathetic strike.

A big meeting of labor leaders was called today to consider the situation. Hundreds of sympathetic strikers, wearying of the long struggle and loss of wages, are returning to work and labor leaders are finding it hard to hold the strikers together.

The committee having charge of the proposed state-wide strike met at Wilkesbarre today to consider the advisability of calling the strike at once.

The first big break in the general strike came today when the journeyman bricklayers, numbering about 2200 men, notified the master bricklayers that they are ready to return to work. It is expected that work will be resumed tomorrow.

## GREAT LABOR STRIKE AVERTED

**Railroad Men Accept Arbitration and Government Officials Take Up the Different Points in Contest Between the Employees and Employers and Will Settle Them Each in Turn.**

Chicago, Ill., March 22.—Commissioner of labor Neil, the railway managers and representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers passed the day here working out the details of a compromise effected yesterday whereby a strike of the brotherhood members on 47 western railroads was averted.

The wage question will be arbitrated. Other points of difference will be compromised.

## WIDOW AND TWO CHILDREN KILLED BY SWITCH ENGINE

Wilcox, Ariz., March 22.—A fatal accident occurred yesterday at Luzena, a few miles east of Wilcox, on the Southern Pacific, when a Mexican woman, Mrs. Florencia Estrada, and two small children suddenly stepped from behind a tool house, onto the track, and were struck and killed by a swiftly moving helper engine.

So close to the engine were the unfortunate people when first seen, that there was not even time to slow the down-hill speed of the iron monster. The bodies were taken to Bowie station for action of the coroner's jury. No blame was attached to the engine crew.

In the history of this body and these men of independent thought and action have been correlated into the party cache and made to promise to be good, what has become of these pledges in the Republican platform? The Republican legislative program started out bravely to redeem party pledges and carry out the policies that prevailed in the elections of 1908, but one after another we see the items of this program go down before the insidious assaults of the organization which now unfortunately controls the executive as well as the legislative branches of the government.

Pinchot's Dismissal.

"We have witnessed the spectacle of the greatest friend conservation ever had being hurled from out the council of the administration because he was overruled by his own party. The cause to which he has devoted his life. We see postal savings bank bill amended with the apparent approval of the administration in the interest of the great money centers of the country so that no man who deprecates the growing strength of the money power can give it his support. We find the Alaskan government bill a derelict upon the high seas of legislation. We witness the passing of the federal incorporation bill and even statehood for Arizona and New Mexico is commonly reported to be about to walk the plank which leads to oblivion. Upon these measures representative Palmer said he has no opinion to express. Some of them, he admitted were supported by members of his party.

Greatest Insurgent of All.

"The point I desire to emphasize," he said, "is that everyone of them was promised by the Republican platform of 1908—or originated with, and was supported by the greatest insurgent of them all, the man who taught the insurgents how to 'insurge,' the man who walked out of the Republican reserve with the greatest disregard of results; the

## AN OFFICER AS A KENO CASHIER

**Deputy Sheriff Albert Gonzales Says He Sometimes Substitutes for Brother.**

Altogether Gonzales does some work in the office of the district clerk, he is not employed there, but is employed by sheriff Hall to look after the first district court, according to his own statements.

## IS A RELATIVE OF IKE ALDERETE

Alec Gonzales, a cousin to district clerk Alderete and brother of Albert Gonzales, interpreter for the first district court and a deputy sheriff, is cashier of the Crystal keno game in Juarez, which, according to statements made by Alderete, is conducted by his father, Benigno Alderete, of Yelata.

Albert Gonzales, the deputy sheriff, when asked if he was cashier of the keno game, having noted in that capacity at times, made the following statement this morning: "I am not working at the keno game in Juarez; my brother, Alec, is cashier there and sometimes, when he wants to get off for an hour or so, I relieve him, but I am not employed there."

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## OIL STOVE BURNS A WILLCOX HOME

**Fire Loss There This Morning Totals \$4000—No Water for Flames.**

Wilcox, Ariz., March 22.—An exploding oil stove, no one in the house at the time, and no fire department, was the old combination which caused the destruction by fire here today of a nine room residence owned by George W. Duncan.

Owing to an exceedingly dry period, and the house being of frame construction, the flames spread rapidly, and in half an hour not a wall was standing. The house and contents were valued at \$4000. Insurance to partly cover, had been taken a short time before.

## SPECIAL TRAIN OF MILLIONAIRES

Pasadena, Cal., March 22.—The Santa Fe officials are planning to send a novel train eastward from Pasadena Friday. "The Millionaire Special" it will be called.

It will run direct from Pasadena to New York with stopover at the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

Six private cars will be occupied by Andrew Carnegie and party, Mrs. Russell Sage and Maj. and Mrs. Slocum, Edin Gould and his family, W. Seward Webb and party and other New York financiers who have been spending part of the winter in California.

## LID IS OFF IN FRISCO; MUSIC IN CAFES LATE

San Francisco, Cal., March 22.—The lid is off in the upper tier of San Francisco. Until the early hours this morning, the long silent orchestras in the cafes and dance halls from Turk to O'Farrell streets were swinging into the rhythmic waltz and the merry two-step, bringing joy to the hearts of resort keepers.

The revival of the gay night life came on petition of 300 business men.

## FORTY-SEVEN DEAD IN WRECK

**Yesterday's Rock Island Catastrophe Greatest in Iowa's History.**

**MANY BODIES ARE BADLY MUTILATED**

Marshalltown, Ia., March 22.—Two more victims of yesterday's Rock Island wreck died during the night, bringing the list of known dead to 47 and making the wreck the most appalling in the history of the state.

Seven bodies are unidentified. The bruised and crushed condition of the bodies makes identification almost impossible in some instances. Hardly a body but what had both legs and arms broken and in many cases one or more of their members were torn off entirely and some limbs were missing.

All night long a dozen undertakers, some from neighboring towns, were busy preparing the bodies for burial and seeking information that would lead to identification.

MAYBRAY AND HIS GANG GO TO PRISON  
Council Bluffs, Ia., March 22.—John C. Maybray and 11 of his associates, who were yesterday sentenced to imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, were taken to prison today.

## EFFORT TO SETTLE STRIKE

San Antonio, Tex., March 22.—An effort to compromise with the striking leather workers was made by the employers today, who offered to give them a nine hour work day at the same wage scale as under a 10 hour day. The men want an eight hour day, with a 15 percent increase on piece work. They are still out.

## MAY CHANGE THE NAME OF A TEXAS RAILROAD

New Orleans, La., March 22.—Vice president and general manager J. H. Elliott, of the Colorado Southern railroad, left here last night for Houston, where he will attend a meeting of the stockholders of the St. Louis, Mexico and Brownsville railroad, which will consider changing the name of the latter road to the New Orleans, Texas and Mexico and discuss proposed improvements.

## TEXAS COURT AFFIRMS DEATH SENTENCE

Clarendon, Tex., March 22.—Advises received here today from the Austin court of criminal appeals are that the court affirmed the death sentence against J. Miller, who was convicted here on the charge of murdering Floyd Autrey in a Denver box car last year while between Memphis and Clarendon. Autrey was brutally murdered and his body was hurled from the car. Miller will hang.

## COLOMBIANS ATTACK AND MISTAKE THEM FOR AMERICANS BEAT ENGLISH GIRLS

Bogota, Colombia, March 22.—The anti-American sentiment here continues to find expression in rioting. Yesterday two English girls, mistaken for Americans, were mobbed and beaten. Subsequently president Ramon Gonzalez-Valencia made an official call upon American minister Northcott. Former governor Uribe's house was again stoned.

## ROOSEVELT SUMMERS PINCHOT TO LONDON

Washington, D. C., March 22.—In response to a cablegram from former president Theo. Roosevelt, it became known here today that Gifford Pinchot, late chief forester, sailed from New York Saturday and will meet Mr. Roosevelt when the latter reaches London.

## SR. DON CROCODILO DISCUSSES SPRING Reverts To Spring Hats, Spring Gowns and Spring Grouches

By T. G. Turner

"Oh, flowers that bloom in the spring, tra, la, la."  
"Have nothing to do with the case, tra, la, la!"

"With the case of the El Paso Water Users' association against the International Water company, of course," said Senator Don Porfirio Sapollito Crocodilo, esquire, as he basked in this morning's sun at San Jacinto plaza.

"Piffle, piffle! I say; piffle! I repeat," remarked the park gator with a crocodile smile. "It's all mirram, rirraff and rot, this water works business. Gives me a spasm in my umpteen vertebra."

"And this spring business, too. It all comes with spring, this civic lunacy. Everybody gets peevish in the glorious spring. Folks with money become too peevish. The men float out with hats. The women flounce about with market garden chapeaux. And the poor people, oh, they either strike, or riot or

sue some town pump company. It's an ugly spirit that blooms in the spring, tra, la, la."  
"There's one blessed thing, although, however, notwithstanding. We don't get any more of that frigid frigidity. They're too busy talking about that new hat, that dream of a gown, or that horrid water company. And already they're kicking about the heat. Think of that. Mine of mine. Poets don't sing about that."  
"There's only one real, honest-to-gracious spring brand of romance nowadays. That's the love lizard or the flirt fly or whatever you call this cuddle-up-a-little-closer germ. Maybe I don't see that. Oh, run along Clara and play another operetta on your paddle piano, or another dear-sir-in-reply-to-your-favor on your new visible. I'm wise!"

"Even my darling sister, Olean Marguerite, has got it. Only yesterday I caught her making moving picture eyes

at a burro a little boy was riding down the street. How about that, Oho!"  
"A moment there was no answer from Don Sapollito's sister. Instead her long tail curled up until its tip rose above her ple wedged head."  
"How perfectly silly," she said at last. "Pray dear brother why should I flirt with a burro with all these nice tourists leaning over our back fence?"  
"Tourists don't come to El Paso to flirt," remarked Don Porfirio with a wink. "Fact is some of them come here to get away from it. Here the brother gator became excited. His voice sounded rough and leathery."  
"Tourists," roared Don Sapollito, "don't come here for such romance, for crocodile eyes. They come for true romance, out coin jewelry, picture postcards, and our lovely hotel accommodations."  
"Tumble, sister. Tumble before something tumbles on you."  
And then Don Porfirio did what he usually does on such occasions—when he is very angry. He fell asleep.

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